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An Interesting Story of Pioneer Days Here

Written By Mrs. N. H. Morrill
Kelley, at the Age of 75 Yrs.

When I was six years of age I came to this spot in Michigan with my parents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Morrill, who came to lumber. At that time there were only two houses here. Mr. White, father of Henry White, remembered by many, in one, moved here the previous spring, and a family named Hicks, in the other, where we stopped for supper. I remember it well, because I had such a fright. My mother asked me to hold my baby sister, three or four months old, (Mrs. Albert Oatman) while she was out of the room a short time. My arms ached and ached until I could not hold her any longer and I had to let her fall to the floor.

The next morning I had another scare. We spent the night at the home of David Stephen. I had never slept in a log house before and had never seen an alarm clock. When that alarm went off I thought those logs were all tumbling on me.

Our camps were about 1/2 mile north of the county line. The timber floated down the North Branch. There was a bridge and dam where the railroad crosses now.

Small-pox was raging terribly in Port Huron that winter. Father went to Port Huron on business and was talking to a friend on the street when Elias Sweetzer came along on the opposite side, just out after having the small-pox. The wind was blowing strong from him to them. Both my father and Mr. Gillett took the disease. The latter lost a child and seven had it in our camp. Our men all left but three. One was James Jackson and the other two mother's brothers. The disease was bad and several in our camp came near dying, but I never took it. There was one man I want to speak of, for he was the only one to come near us in all that dreadful time. He would come within calling distance and father would go out and talk with him. There was a fine big stump they used as an office. Father would lay money on the stump and this man would get it and bring supplies to us on his back. We always felt grateful to Mr. Griffin.

In the spring father bought 40 acres of land where Joe Moore has recently bought, and when the men were able to work they built a log house, but it was June before we could move into it.

After a time we took my uncles to their home near White Lake, in Oakland county. Passing a school house as school was out, one little girl called out, "Oh, there goes a man with a speckled face!" Uncle says, "It's a pretty face, isn't it?" "Yes sir," she said.

Mr. Stephens' place was where his daughter, Mrs. Jordan, now lives. Her brother-in-law, John D. Jones, was just finishing a nice new residence that is standing yet. The lumber firm of Ayre & Merrill had bought quite a tract of land and put up good buildings, barns and a nice house, a large room for the men and sleeping rooms up-stairs.

I think it was in 1854 that Ayre & Merrill gave the district No. 5 permission to build a school on their land. Mr. Merrill's family were living in a log house a few rods west of the house always called the Red house (the Currier farm later). They had three daughters, the youngest my own age. This place was called Merrillville.

There was no cemetery, so the dead were buried beside the school house.

Schools had great times when the logs were run down Mill creek. They would always jam in front of the school house and that was very alluring to us. We thought it great fun to play on the logs until caught at it by John Young—no more playing on the logs for us girls, but the older boys learned to ride logs there, and I remember one time when Henry Howard fell in during a log jam, but he quickly recovered himself.

In thinking of those times, am reminded of Othello Phelps, one of the boys to learn riding logs. When the war started he was one of the first to enlist. He served three years, was given a few days' furlough if he would re-enlist, because the government needed men so badly. He visited his home (the Golden place) and our camps

then at where Sandusky now is, and left us with tears streaming down his face, went back to war and soon was killed in action.

Our first teacher's name was Philina Horton, then Fanny Bearge, who later married a lumberman named Coffren. Then came Ann Paisley, Caroline Day, Ellen and Eliza O'Leary, Julia Bean and Thomas Nichols.

The first postoffice was at the home of a Mr. Whipple, on what is now known as the Keyworth farm, and was later removed to the Red house store.

WEDNESDAY'S PRIMARIES

To say the least, Wednesday's primary election was a very spirited affair, and the voters of Yale turned out en masse to register their preference for the different aspirants for city honors. When the polls were closed, it was given out that 527 citizens had cast their ballots.

From the appearance of things at the finish of the count the people wanted a change in administration affairs, for everyone of the old officers who were up for re-nomination got about the same percentage of the vote as did the democratic party last November. They were literally snowed under. Below we give the returns:—

For Mayor—
Chas. W. Jacobs.....339
L. Roy Fuller.....178
Majority for Jacobs, 161.

For Clerk—
George E. Green.....315
Aaron Windsor.....200
Majority for Green, 115.

For Treasurer—
W. F. Ruh, no opposition.

For Supervisor—
N. B. Herbert, no opposition.

Alderman, 1st ward, Barr 102; Eilber, 57. Majority for Barr, 45.
Alderman, 2nd ward, Welch 85; Fead, 63. Majority for Welch, 22.
Alderman, 3rd ward, Beal, 143; Hollenbeck, 53. Majority for Beal, 90.

Now the fight is over and peace prevails. Let's all do our best for the best interests of the city.

CHANGE IN JEDDO BANK

The Jeddo Bank of James Livingston & Co. was changed this week to the Jeddo State Bank with the following officers and directors:—

President—Wm. C. Ernest.
Vice-Pres.—Guy E. Beard.
Cashier—Squire Lang.
Ass't Cash.—Gladys Lamb.
Directors—James McColl, Wm. C. Ernest, Guy E. Beard, Squire Lang, W. J. Lamb, Harvey Tappan and Wm. H. Learmont.

The bank is capitalized at \$20,000. Since it was established as a private bank about nine years ago a fine business has been established, enough to warrant the change which took place Mar. 1st.

AUCTION SALE

Levi Donnenworth will sell by public auction at his premises, 2 miles south of Roseburg, on March 8th, farm live stock, implements, etc. Sale at ten o'clock. Usual terms. Jas. R. Turnbull, auctioneer.

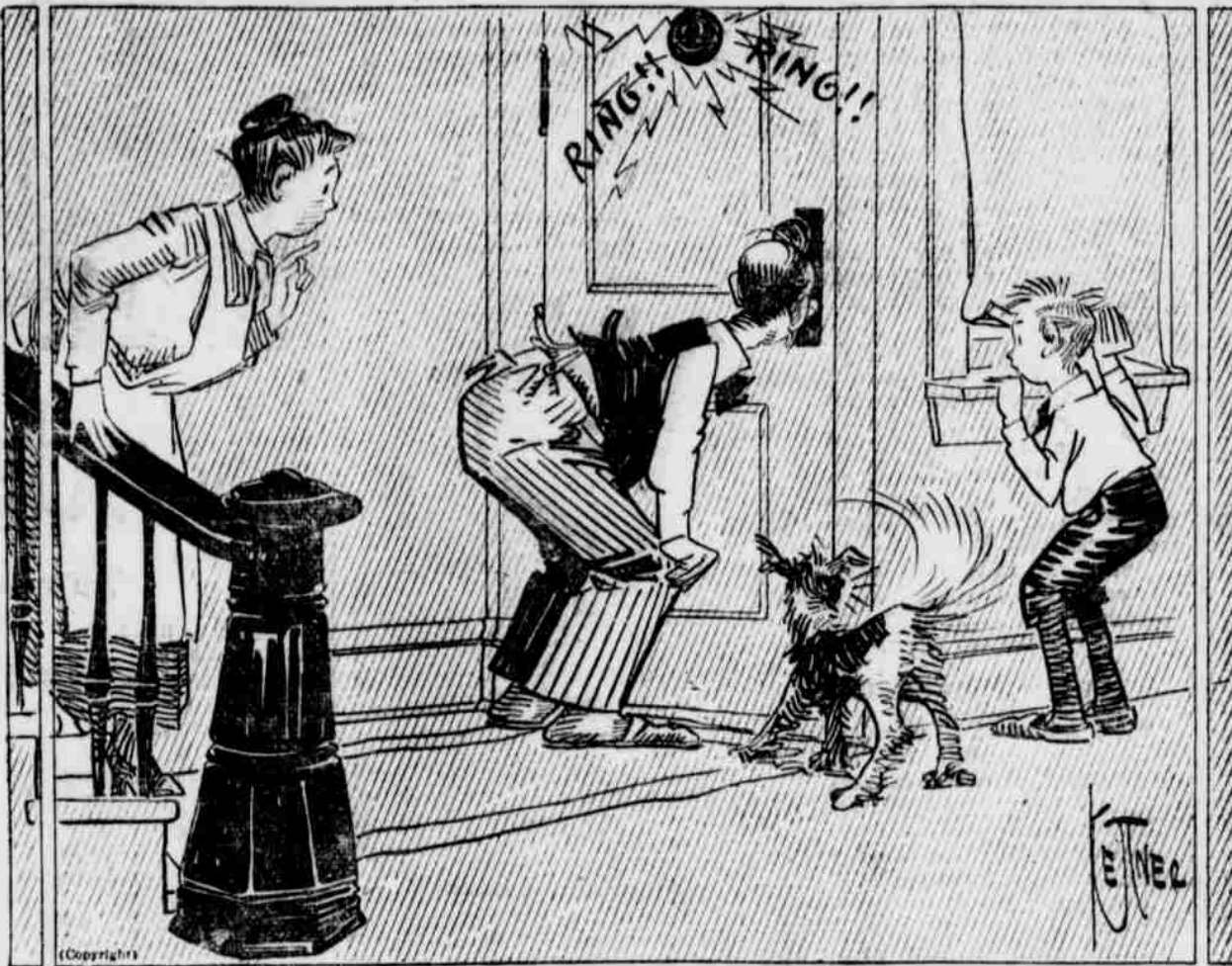
The undersigned, having decided to quit farming, will sell by public auction to the highest bidder at the premises known as the Geo. Thomas farm, 1/4 mile east of Avoca, on Wednesday, March 9th, commencing at one o'clock sharp, his farming implements, live stock etc. Usual terms. Fred Smith, auctioneer.

Lambert Jones, Prop. Having sold his farm the undersigned will offer for sale by public auction at the premises 1 mile west, 1 mile south and 1/4 mile west of Yale, on Tuesday, Mar. 15 all of his farm live stock and implements. Sale at one o'clock. Usual terms. Geo. W. Bell, auctioneer. Felix Murphy, Prop.

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A complete line of Spring Millinery including patterns, tailored hats, is now on display at M. M. Pearce's.

Lion or Lamb?



RACING CIRCUIT FORMED

A meeting was held at Caro last Monday for the purpose of forming a Thumb racing circuit, with the object of promoting better racing at the fairs the coming fall. Seven Thumb fairs were represented and officers elected as follows: President, John Titus, of Imlay City; secretary-treasurer, A.J. Calback, of Caro; board of directors, W. E. Allen, Bad Axe, Lester Bailey, Caro; C. D. Colden, Crosswell; A.J. Calbeck, Caro; Mel Deo, North Branch; Ed Dawson, Sandusky; Ward Cornell, Imlay City. These are all race horse men and understand the game. They believe that such a circuit will assure each fair some first-class racing. Fair dates for the fairs represented will occur regularly each week for seven weeks. This will mean that larger purses will be hung up and a better class of horses will be available.

C. W. Jackson and C. D. Colden were representatives from the Crosswell fair.—Crosswell, Jeff.

Purchase Interest in Company

The following news item which refers to former Yale boys is taken from the Port Huron Times-Herald:—

"E. H. Bassett has disposed of his interest in the Economy Coal & Dock Co., to Ira Bricker, assistant cashier of the First National Bank, of Bay City, and Roy Bricker, cashier of the State Bank at Harbor Beach. The latter two gentlemen become vice-president and directors of the concern to fill vacancies. Ira Bricker, who is well known in banking circles will take up his residence in Port Huron, and become actively identified with the business of the coal concern. The company's plant is located at the foot of Thomas street. Hugh M. Ferguson retains his interest in the company. Plans for enlarging the scope of the business are now under consideration."

SUNDAY MORNING FIRE

Fire broke out in the little building owned and occupied by Mike Salerno as a shoe store and repair shop about midnight Saturday, and when the whistle at the Power House sounded the alarm at one o'clock Sunday morning, the whole building was enveloped in flames. Nothing whatever could be saved and the building and its contents were totally destroyed.

Mr. Salerno is a hard working man, and his friends sympathize with him in his loss.

BUY EARLY SALE

Emerson Cooper is this week advertising a big "Buy Early Sale," which starts next Saturday, March 5th, and runs for two weeks to Saturday, March 17th.

Many unusual bargains are being offered and it will pay you to look the list over.

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FARM BUREAU NOTES

St. Clair county wool growers have 13,827 pounds of wool in the state farm bureau wool pool according to the farm bureau wool department. The county's wool was assembled at St. Clair. Emmett and Avoca.

Despite the fact that since May 15, 1920, there has been practically no wool market, approximately one million of the 3,500,000 pounds in the pool have been sold, says A. J. Hankins, marketing director. More than a million pounds of the remaining unmarketed wool has been graded and the work is declared to be progressing at the rate of 20,000 pounds a day.

Large manufacturers have discovered the absolute reliability of the state farm bureau grades, and are taking advantage of the fact that they can buy large quantities direct from the pool, says Mr. Hankins.

In order to relieve the dull wool market situation, the farm bureau has entered the blanket manufacturing industry and is keeping two factories working at top speed trying to keep up with the demand for all-wool blankets made from Michigan virgin fleece. This scheme, says the state farm bureau, enables the farmer who has wool in the pool to realize an additional return on his product.

OPEN WINTER

Lansing, Feb. 24—"Nothing but the open winter has prevented fish in hundreds of streams throughout the state smothering to death," according to Dr. R. M. Olin, Michigan commissioner of health.

"Streams were so polluted with industrial wastes and sewage last fall," says Dr. Olin, "that practically all the oxygen in the water was exhausted. Had the streams frozen over, as the usually do, the fish would have smothered by the tons. But because of the mild weather enough oxygen probably has been accumulated to keep the fish alive during the rest of the winter and until the state can take action to remedy the pollution problem."

Receives \$100,000 From Estate

Kitchener, Ont., Feb. 28—The will of the late James Livingston, of Baden, Ont., who died several months ago, which was filed for probate several days ago, shows an estate valued at \$553,803.25.

The entire proceeds of the estate go to the family, each of the five surviving children receiving a sixth share, while the remaining sixth is divided equally between two grandchildren, Alice and Donald Acheson. Sons and daughters participating in the proceeds of the estate are: Louise McColl, of Yale, Mich.; Elizabeth Morrison, of Vancouver, B. C.; John P. Livingston, Baden, Ont.; Henry P. Livingston, Toronto, and Alice L. Livingston, of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

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Newsy Notes From Our Neighboring Cities and Towns

C. M. KIDMAN NEW CO. AGENT

The Executive Committee of St. Clair County Farm Bureau at a special meeting Wednesday afternoon made arrangements with C. M. Kidman, of Cassopolis, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of C. L. Brody as County Agricultural Agent.

The committee has held several special meetings during the past few days and interviewed a number of the best men in the state.

Mr. Kidman was born and brought up on a farm in Sandusky county, Ohio, and is a graduate of the Michigan Agricultural College, and has had four years very successful experience as County Agricultural Agent in Presque Isle and Cass counties.

He is a highly successful organizer and has had a very active part in the building of the Michigan Potato Growers' Exchange, which is one of the largest farmers' marketing organizations in the world.

Along with the marketing work he has been very successful in bringing about the standardization of farm crops and the improvement of quality in the counties where he has worked.

While in the northern part of the state he also rendered indispensable service to the owners of large areas of cut over lands by bringing in car loads of sheep for the utilization of waste lands.

He is a married man with a family and expects to move to Port Huron and begin work about March 14th.

Fred Buhler, president of the St. Clair County Farm Bureau, says that the securing of a man with the qualifications of Mr. Kidman was highly pleasing to the county committee and that under his direction the St. Clair County Farm Bureau would surely continue to hold the high rank and reputation it has had in the past.

BIRTHDAY SURPRISES

The birthday of Wm. V. Andree, which occurred Thursday, Feb. 24th, was a happy event in the 71 years of his life. Fourteen of his children and grandchildren dropped in on him unawares at his home on First street, Yale, completely surprising him. A fine time was had, a splendid supper was enjoyed by all and the day will be one long to be remembered.

Mr. Andree has resided in Yale for the past forty years and has been identified with Yale's progress. The Expositor joins with his many friends in wishing him a score or more years of health, happiness and prosperity.

George Edgar Evans was born in Brockway township 74 years ago the 27th of February and has made his home on a farm in this locality ever since.

A number of his friends, wishing to celebrate the occasion of his birthday, gave him a pleasant surprise, going to his home on Monday of this week with well-filled baskets. A chicken pie dinner was served at noon and the balance of the day was spent in a social and friendly way talking about old times in this township.

Theodore Packer and Orley Starks, two old pioneers of Brockway and Lynn, were present. A happy time was enjoyed by all.

Fire At Smiths Creek

Smiths Creek, Feb. 25—Fire of unknown origin completely destroyed the large home and barn and a smaller shed at the farm of Bruce Dunsmore in Wales township, three miles northwest of here at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon. The loss is estimated at \$10,000 with only light insurance.

The barn, filled with grain and machinery was blazing freely when the fire was discovered. While neighbors, who came to the scene as volunteer fire-fighters were removing machinery from the barn, the house caught fire and burned to the ground, despite the heroic efforts to save it.

The buildings destroyed were modern farm structures.

NOTICE

Having sold my blacksmith shop building, I will be thankful to all owing me on account to please call and settle before April 1st.

49-2 Thos. Johnston
Expositor Liners Pay.

Thumb Tales Tensely Told—Interesting Items Gleaned From Our Exchanges

Electric lights have now been installed at Port Hope.

Dr. F. J. Emmer, a Mt. Clemens Veterinary surgeon, is locating in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Colbeck, of Caro, celebrated their golden wedding last week.

Farmers and business men of Smiths Creek are organizing a new telephone company.

Ice men at Algonac are now putting in a large supply of good ice of a 12 inch thickness.

Port Huron merchants are planning for a Dress-up-week or Style Show before Easter.

The St. Clair River Country Club has become a member of the Michigan Golf Association.

The Port Huron Times-Herald got out a 32-page special Marysville edition on Thursday of last week.

Eight-year-old Alfred Ganyon, of Marine City, was drowned last week while skating on Belle River.

At Port Sanilac's special election to bond the village for electric lights, the vote was carried, 72 to 26.

A horse drawing match will be held in Melvin on Saturday. One given in Brown City last week was a huge success.

The plant of the Culvert & Bridge Co. at Sandusky is being enlarged and other lines of enterprise will be put in.

Rev. G. V. Pixley, a former pastor of the Baptist church at Richmond, died recently in California, where he went in search of health.

A. J. McNaught, of Capac, is 87 years old, but he was the first man to have his sidewalk shoveled off last week before the first snow storm.

Melvin Oddfellows have decided not to purchase the John Earls property, but will make other arrangements to buy or build for lodge purposes.

Mrs. Helen Morris, a pioneer milliner and business woman of Richmond, retired a few years since, celebrated her 85th birthday on Feb. 23rd.

Editor Hubbell, of the Crosswell Jeff, and his wife, last week started on an automobile trip to visit Jackson and Detroit friends. The big snow storm and blizzard of Saturday was evidently unforeseen.

The International hotel building at Marine City is being torn down with several barns and other old buildings, and it is the plan of the owners of the hotel to erect several dwelling houses on the site.

When Mrs. Minnie Duchene, a Memphis widow, returned to her home in Memphis after a three months' absence, she found some thief had torn the board off her coal bin and taken 500 pounds or more of block coal.

While Eli Patterson, of Argyle, Sanilac county, was in Cass City hospital undergoing a serious operation, his home burned to the ground. Subscriptions were taken up among friends and neighbors and labor will be furnished free to put him up a new house. This is Mr. Patterson's third operation in four years.

Edward C. Kelley, whose home was said to be Imlay City, Mich., and for a time a busy business man in Marysville, and known to many Port Huron people, will have his home for the next twenty-two years in the state penitentiary of Tennessee, this sentence being given him for being found connected with the killing of George Reeves, Shelby county jailer, when Kelley, Shaw and Hamilton escaped from the county jail at Memphis, Tenn. Hamilton was shot to death while resisting arrest. The other two, Kelley, aged 21 years, and Shaw, 24, are facing the years ahead with no hope of a future in this life.

FOR SALE—One mare, 8 yrs. old, wt. 1500; one horse, 6 yrs. old, wt. about 1200. Four miles east and 1 1/2 mile south of Yale.

49-2 W. J. Miller, Yale.